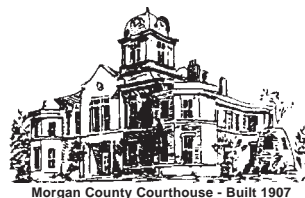


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## Two Magoffin men indicted for burglary

The Morgan County Grand Jury on Nov. 26 returned 11 indictments naming 12 persons on 14 felony counts. Among those indicted were two of four Magoffin County residents charged with the burglary last month of the residence of Sherry Linton at Cannel City. Indicted on 2nd degree burglary charges were Steve Gibson, 30, of May Branch Road, Salyersville, and James Ray Perkins, 19, of Royaltown. Gibson also was charged with criminal trespass for unlawfully entering the residence of Darlene Blankenship of Cannel City while attempting to elude a pursuing peace officer. Both suspects also were also indicted as persistent felony offenders. Two other suspects, C. M. Gasparac and an unnamed juvenile, also of Magoffin County, were not indicted.

Also indicted were:  
Okie Fannin, Jr., 45, of Hwy. 172 West Liberty, charged with wanton endangerment 1st degree for attempting to run over Charles Burchett with an automobile during an incident on July 15, 2007.  
Shane Hornsby, 28, an inmate at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex charged with 1st degree sodomy of another inmate and 2nd degree persistent felony offender.  
William D. Ison, 21, Hwy. 172 West  
*See INDICTMENTS Page 4*

## December 21 last date to sign for water

The Morgan County Water District announced this week that due to a lack of signups for water service, the following roads are in immediate danger of being dropped from the new Phase 12 Water Line Project. Residents who reside on the following roads will have until Dec. 21 to sign up to receive water. If no interest is shown by that date, these roads will be dropped from the project. They are:

Wilson Cemetery Road, Rube Branch, Mortica Branch, Halsey Branch, R. Stacey Road, Robison Branch, Caskey Branch, Muddy Branch, Splitwood Branch, Pasture Branch, Keeton Branch, Doc Ison Branch, Left Fyffe Branch, Trace Fork, Benton Branch.

"Property owners interested in keeping these roads in the Phase 12 project must visit the Water District office immediately and sign up," Water District Manager Cindy Montgomery said Monday. "The selection process depends on new customers signing up to acquire the service. Don't let your road be dropped for lack of signers."

The cost is \$590.00 for tap-on fee and the deposit is \$50.00.

"Interested residents can come into the office today and pay their tap-on fee in full or let us work out a payment to fit their needs," Montgomery said.

The water district office is located at 408 Prestonsburg Street, the former Kennedy Library building.

Montgomery said that anyone with questions may call the office anytime at 743-1204 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Montgomery urges residents not to forget the Dec. 21 signup deadline. "Don't let this opportunity pass them by," she said. "ign up today."



## Lookin' a lot like Christmas

More than 800 adults and youths enjoyed the free activities sponsored Saturday by the Kiwanis Club and the Tourism Commission to kick off Christmas season festivities in West Liberty. Above, two eager youngsters enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride with Santa (Darrell Fultz of Morehead) even though the rain didn't turn to snow. Later, the probably attended a free matinee at Towne Cinema while their parents shopped. In the evening a capacity crowd enjoyed a Christmas play presented by local churches, followed by a concert by Morehead State University's Black Gospel Ensemble and a Christmas reception in the auditorium at MSU at West Liberty.

## Wrigley, Cannel City WPA schools are sold

By Miranda Cantrell James

The Morgan County Board of Education at its regular Dec. 10 meeting opened sealed bids for the former Cannel City and Wrigley school buildings, with board members accepting offers contingent on state approval.

Superintendent of Schools Joe Dan Gold said the Cannel City bid was awarded to local contractor Lowell Allen, of Malone, for \$40,001, while the Wrigley bid was awarded to Lost Point Lake Church (pastored by Rev. Gary Ferguson), of Hwy. 711, for \$51,000.

Gold said bid winners did not indicate specific plans for either building.

In other business, board members heard the school district's annual nutri-

tion and physical activity report regarding school meals, recess and other activities.

"The board must hear this report as a legislative requirement," Gold said. "It includes a chart that shows nutrition analysis of meals and the school health index. This information is used to integrate as much nutrition and physical activity as possible into the school day."

Report ratings are as follows:

- *Providing daily recess.* Elementary schools, 75 percent; middle school, not applicable; and high school, not applicable.

- *Providing at least 150 minutes of physical education per week.* Elementary schools, 75 percent; middle school, not applicable; and high school, not applicable.

- *Providing classroom physical activity integrated into school day.* Elementary schools, 100 percent; middle school, not applicable; and high school, not applicable.

- *Providing intramural physical activity opportunities.* Elementary schools, 100 percent; middle school, 75 percent; and high school, 75 percent.

- *Offering facilities to families/communities for physical activity opportunities.* Elementary schools, 100 percent; middle school, 100 percent; and high school, 100 percent.

*See SCHOOL BD. Page 4*

## Pardon terminates attempt to prosecute Morgan Judge Exc.

### Gov.'s action halts what many viewed as political vendetta

Tim Conley, Morgan County's twice-elected but beleaguered Republican judge executive, received a gubernatorial pardon Monday, putting an end to what even many rank and file Democrats viewed as an unfair and destructive political vendetta set in motion prior to the November 2006 election to destroy Conley's reputation and destroy his political career.

Conley, the first Republican elected county judge in Morgan County in 70 years, was indicted last May by a special grand jury, seated at the request of Democrat Attorney General Greg Stumbo, on three counts of abuse of public trust. The indictments stemmed from a complaint filed with the Attorney General's Office by unnamed Morgan County officials. Special prosecutor Brent Turner of Prestonsburg later acknowledged technical errors were made in the handling of the jury and the indictments were dismissed. But Turner has asked that another special grand jury be seated, and in a statement to the Lexington-Herald last month pledged to renew the charges.

Conley said Monday he applied for the pardon early last week on the advice of some of his close friends and supporters that "if they keep dragging me through court on these ridiculous charges it would break me financially."

Conley said he was thankful to Gov. Ernie Fletcher for the pardon. "I couldn't (financially) afford for them to keep running me through the court system," he said, "and our county has been hurt enough by this and doesn't need to be dragged through it again."

The indictments against Conley accused him of giving a county road department drain pipe to a Morgan County resident, giving three sections of road pipe to the Cow Branch Primitive Baptist Church, and with having a bulldozer he lent to the county for emergency road work repaired at county expense. If convicted under the state's new Abuse of Public Trust law an official could be imprisoned for three years and would be disqualified from ever again holding any public office.

Questions concerning possible irregularities in the seating of the special

## Final blood drive of year today at the Community Center

The Kentucky Blood Center will conduct its final blood drive of the year in Morgan County today (Dec. 13) at the Community Center in West Liberty from noon to 7:30 p.m. The drive is sponsored by the Morgan County Lions Club. Refreshments will be provided by the West Liberty Homemakers.

It's easy to be a donor. You must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. It takes less than an hour and you can do it again 58 days later. Yes, there is a needle involved, but the stick is no worse than a pinch on the arm, and the life you save could be your own.

grand jury, posed to the court by Conley's attorney, Grover A. Carrington of Mt. Sterling, resulted in the prosecution's unexpected decision to ask for dismissal of the indictments.

Two local Democrats who for the record had earlier questioned the purpose of the legal action against Conley said they were pleased with the pardon.

"I'm tickled to death," said retired educator Edwin Benton of Caney. "I feel it was the right thing to do; the charges were ridiculous; there was no sense to it, and no telling how much public money has been wasted. It's time to put this behind us and let him (Conley) get back to devoting his full time to running the county."

*See CONLEY CASE Page 4*

## Plan to put nurses back to work fails

A Dec. 6 plan proposed by Kentucky Gov.-Elect Steve Beshear and West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin to put striking Appalachian Regional Healthcare nurses back to work for 90 days while negotiators establish a new contract failed to materialize Monday.

Chief Union Negotiator Pat Tanner said local union presidents voted unanimously to accept the proposal, which would require the nurses to work under old contract terms while a new contract is developed during the negotiating period.

ARH spokesperson Candace Elkins said hospital leaders agreed to meet with the governors and union leaders, and ARH attorney Jim Smith said ARH officials attended the meeting in Charleston, W.Va., ready to end the labor dispute.

However, Smith said the union declined to consider any of the issues separating the two sides. The union, he said, was prepared to discuss only the terms for the nurses to return to work for 90 days while negotiations continued.

"Unfortunately there was no resolution today and the meeting could only be described as the union's attempt to pressure ARH into returning the nurses to work under the 2004 contract, which is not feasible for the nurses or ARH at this point," Smith said.

The plan presented by the union would not work for a number of reasons, Smith said, including:

- The 2004 contract is not a market-based contract and calls for paying nurses for four hours per week not to work;

- The health plan and pension plan outlined in the old contract are inferior to the new plans which have been implemented;

- The old contract contains language that allows the use of sick time when nurses are not sick, thus increasing the amount of mandatory overtime hours the nurses must work;

ARH has already given raises to the nurses to continue to work,

The meeting ended with no resolution and with ARH asking the union to once again provide it with a complete list of issues.

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Stolen 4-wheeler has been returned to its owner.

## Stolen 4-wheeler recovered

Acting on an anonymous tip, the Morgan County Sheriff's Department recovered a stolen 4-wheeler on Dec. 6 and arrested a Dyer Branch man in connection with its theft.

The vehicle was reported stolen on Nov. 15 from the property of James W. Fields on Dyer Branch. An ensuing investigation led to the anonymous tip, according to Sheriff Mickey Whitt.

Sheriff Whitt and Deputy Anthony Gullett recovered the 4-wheeler from a field off Hwy. 3420 between Blaze and Hwy. 711 where it had been hidden.

Arrested by Whitt and Gullett was Randy G. Williams, 26, of Dyer Branch, who has been charged with receiving stolen property.

The 4-wheeler has been returned to its owner.

## ARH nurses may receive millions in back pay

Appalachian Regional Health Care nurses could receive millions in back pay from the non-profit organization after the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court's 2006 decision regarding a contract dispute over compensation and flexible work hours.

If ARH does not appeal the decision to the full Sixth Circuit, former and current ARH nurses, who have been on strike since Oct. 1, could receive up to \$3.6 million in back pay, according to the Kentucky/West Virginia Nurses Association (KNA/WVNA).

ARH spokesperson Candace Elkins said the company has not yet decided whether it will appeal.

KNA/WVNA representative Kim Geveden said the amount of money each nurse will receive has not yet been determined.

"A lot of these nurses have a nice check coming to them at some point," Geveden said.

At issue was whether nurses could work 36 hours — in three 12-hour shifts — and receive pay for

40 hours rather than 12 hours of overtime. The 36/40 plan, as it was called, was originally adopted as part of the 2001 contract with the hospital chain. The 2004 contract also contained similar language about the 36/40 plan.

The hospital eliminated the program in 2005, but many nurses continued to work the 36-hour week but were not paid according to the 36/40 plan, according to court documents. KNA/WVNA took the dispute to an arbitrator who sided with the union. A federal court judge upheld that arbitrator's decision in October 2006.

Striking nurses rejected ARH's latest contract, which did not contain the 36/40 work week provision.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am enclosing my payment for six months subscription to The Licking Valley Courier. I still look forward to my favorite newspaper each week. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Yours truly,  
Eva J. Dunn  
1435 Wheelrim Rd.  
Hazel Green, Ky. 41332

### WEST LIBERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Nov. 18 - Nov. 24

•If you see or have information on any criminal activity, we ask that you call us at 606-743-4385. We **do not want** your name, but we do want your information.

•The West Liberty Police Department will conduct safety checkpoints in addition to moving patrols during the month of November and throughout the remainder of 2007.

•Communications Training Officer Chris Ball attended Cultural Awareness training at DOJT in Richmond.

#### Cases/Investigations Opened

1 Theft by unlawful taking over \$300

1 Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$300.

1 Leaving the scene of accident

1 Assault 4th degree  
1 Domestic violence

#### Arrests

1 Driving on suspended operator's license

1 Alcohol intoxication in a public place

1 Criminal trespass

1 Bench warrant

Citations issued — 5

Non-injury accidents — 2

Injury accidents — 0

**E-911 Calls for Service**

County Wide — 123

City — 54

## KSP conducting safety checkpoints in the Post 8 area

Capt. Dwayne Depp, commander of the Kentucky State Police at Morehead, recently announced that troopers of the Morehead post will be conducting safety checkpoints in addition to moving patrols throughout the post remainder of the year.

This concentrated enforcement effort will utilize members of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in addition to other troopers assigned to Post 8. Emphasis will focus on enforcing violations of the speeding, seatbelt, child restraint and impaired driving laws as well as other violations of the traffic laws of Kentucky.

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# Healthy Holiday Tips

## Managing the Stress of the season

The holidays are a time of joy and celebration. While it's normal to feel a little overwhelmed this time of the year, these tips can help make the holidays less stressful.

-  **Plan ahead.** Get organized as far in advance as you can. List the things you want to accomplish and prioritize them.
-  **Set realistic goals.** Rather than trying to do everything on your own, ask family and friends for help.
-  **Do something for someone else.** Helping others can help you feel better.



Source: Mental Health America

## Memories of local heroes from days gone by

By Sandra Spencer Sharp

Who were your heroes? Do children have good, morally sound heroes to follow today?

Remember Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Gene Autry? Heroes such as Joe DiMaggio, Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle or Steve Hamilton were favorites of sports fans.

The days of my youth bring up memories of local small-town heroes whose values matched those of our parents, whose jobs met the needs of almost everyone. The workites of most of these heroes may be gone, but their lives are embedded in many people's lives.

The barber shop across from the courthouse housed my first memory of the post office. Wendell Nickell's friendliness as he handed out "unstamped" local letters and sold stamps for three cents bring a smile to everyone back then and now. Wendell treated everyone like his closest friend. When the post office moved across from McKenzie's Shopwise, Wendell carried on the image of West Liberty's great postmaster.

Besides postmaster, he was one of Dad's favorite hunting partners! I still recall Dad and Wendell opening their car trunks to load Mike and Ike to go squirrel, rabbit or bird hunting.

Did you ever shop at Andy Walter's IGA on Main Street? Those were the days of "plugging" watermelons. Andy cut a very small plug from a melon for the customer to taste, and if the melon seemed unsatisfactory, then Andy would exchange it for another.

Andy always greeted shoppers at the door, and any items you needed he would tell if it was on his shelves without you first having to go look for yourself.

When away from his store, Andy is well-remembered for riding his palomino in local horse shows and all parades. His horses always won blue ribbons. I recall a few rare occasions when deep winter snows brought Andy down Glenn Avenue to give children free rides in his horse-drawn sled.

An employee of Andy's should bring smiles to everyone of good days gone by. Walter Thomas almost "made" the image of the market special. He was the first local butcher I remember. He would let kids come behind the counter and watch him special cut pork chops, bacon or grind beef into hamburger. But what stands out in my mind is when I would head down the canned food aisle toward the meat counter, Walter would say loud enough for everyone to hear, "Hey Sandra, can you bake biscuits?" The first time that happened I was about eight years old. I wondered why he would ask a kid such a question. Mother taught me to cook a complete breakfast at age six, but making biscuits was not important. Years later I knew what Walter was asking. Was I learning to cook for marriage yet?

Memories of both Walter and Martha together are extra special. Martha often babysat for us, and was our housekeeper. With only two houses between ours and theirs, I could get up early and meet Martha in her laundry room below the house where I learned to use a wringer washer, and years later I had one myself.

I remembered her telling me to be careful not to get my hand caught in the wringer rollers or your entire arm could become caught. She told me to immediately hit the release, which I did one day years later when a part

of my shirt got caught in the wringer and started to pull my head toward the rollers. Quick release thinking... Thanks to Martha!

Fondest memories of the Thomas family was going to their house to listen to Walter play the guitar and sing with Martha. Before they sang she would fix her fried bologna sandwich for our eating. I often ate popped corn cooked in an iron skillet she would shake continually to keep it from burning. As a special treat for all the neighborhood kids, she would make confection sugar peanut butter roll candy.

I ate all of those in the aroma of their house that smelled unlike anyone else's. In fact, one day I asked my husband to see if I could call mother to see how Walter was, because I suddenly sensed a smell around me exactly like the scent at Martha's. Mother was quite surprised as to why I phoned, because Walter was close to dying and she would not have thought to call me.

My fondest teacher memories are of Ann Blair, Osha Caskey and Elizabeth Anderson. Mrs. Blair Wheeler, first grade, gave me my first spanking on the first day of school because I hit a sleeping boy on the head with a pencil.

Osha Caskey, second grade, is a favorite friend to me and my daughter, Wendy. Her love for children extends even to my 2-year-old granddaughter. Osha still has the same smile and hairstyle that she did as a teacher.

More fond teacher memories are of Elizabeth Anderson. One day in class Elizabeth remarked, "The older you get, the faster time flies." Then she looked at me and asked, "Isn't that right, Sandra?" I thought, "Why is she asking me? I'm only 10!" After

that day though, time seemed to fly by!

She inspired all students to perform their best. She taught me a love for reading when she organized a reading club. At 81, she was still inspiring students by teaching EKCC prisoners with same love she taught fifth graders. Only her health kept her from continuing her love of teaching. I believe when she is called home she will be greeted by her savior with, "Well done, my faithful servant!"

I got many more spankings that year, and they did not end until the seventh grade when my best friend and I got into a fight in front of the class, and I got spanked. We are still best friends.

My favorite parents were Louise Hill and Virgie Stratton. Louise could cook the greatest cornbread, soup beans and home-

made kraut. She always had those items on the table when I would spend a night with Judy. When Judy's mom became bedridden, I learned a real surprise about her. She was a teacher, but had chosen not to teach in order to obey her husband and stay at home with the children. All those years when I could have used some tutoring, the perfect person was available and I had no idea of her talent.

Virgie is remembered as the best homemade donut baker of West Liberty. You would not know it though unless you stayed all night with Patty and awakened to the smell of yeast donuts being fried, then covered with a hot glaze.

Parents, are you someone's hero? Does your table always have room for one more person? Do you uphold the same values as you children's friends' parents do? Is God still raised up and blessed at your table? Keep the

memories still alive, or we will not have heroes.

### CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness, and tomorrow because it will be the day after Christmas. I shall still wish you happiness. I may not be able to tell you about it every day because I may be far away or we may be very busy. But that makes no difference... my thoughts and my wishes will be with you just the same. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad, clear through the year. I wish you the spirit of Christmas, may the love, hope, and peace of Christmas abide with you now and throughout the new year.

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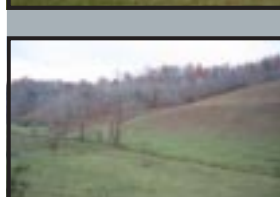
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## The Judge's Corner

By Tim Conley  
Judge Executive



Hello from Judge Tim Conley and Staff:

A few weeks ago I had a gentleman to tell me the difference in results and opportunity. Some of us always want results, when what we really need is opportunity, which will lead to results.

Over the past several years state laws have changed. Now when you build a house, business or have any plumbing done in a commercial building, you must have a licensed plumber on the job. To my knowledge there is only one master licensed plumber in Morgan County and he no longer does any plumbing work. There are a few journeymen licensed plumbers, but I think they have to work under a master plumber.

If you would like to have a good job with good pay and enjoy the construction business, opportunity is knocking at your door. On Jan. 8, 2008, there will be a plumbing class offered in Johnson County at KCTCS School (which I believe is the old Mayo school). For information on this class, you may call 606-789-5321. This is a very good field for the future.

Another good field is heat/air conditioning and electricity, which as you know requires licensed individuals to install in new construction sites. We have several good heat/AC companies in Morgan County and some very good licensed electricians. But as they retire, we do not see a field of young professionals following in their footsteps. These jobs are trades and can lead to good pay and benefits. We wanted to share this information with anyone who is interested.

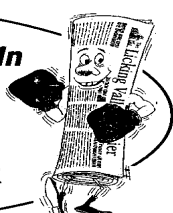
We had our first winter snowfall last week and the schools were closed one day. The entire county did not see the same amount of snowfall. The northern and eastern side of the county was hit with about two and a half to three inches. I measured two and a half inches in the Elkfork area. The snowplows worked the Blair's Mill, Ditney Ridge, Elkfork and Crockett areas, and reported heavy wet snow. Other parts of the county just had a trace to less than an inch.

Winter is here and we could see bad weather into February or March. We will be there to maintain our roads. We have six snowplows and this is a big county, but we start a plow in each district and work around the clock until we catch up. If you need some attention after our regular work hours, you can call dispatch at 743-4385 and they will contact the proper authorities.

Merry Christmas from us to all of you!

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## School Bd. ...

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school, 100 percent.

The board also approved East Valley Elementary School's application for a math grant of up to \$70,000.

"This is a state grant from the Mathematics Achievement Fund," Gold said. "It is renewable for up to two years, and will help in the areas of mathematics, diagnostics and assessment and intervention services. Students would be tested in specific skills to determine if intervention is necessary."

Green's Lawn Mower Service and Radio Shack were added to the local vendor bid list, while a 1993 Chevrolet maintenance truck was declared surplus.

Medical leave for Morgan County High School teacher Madeline Williams was also approved for January-April 2008.

Before adjournment, members approved the following personnel actions:

### Employment

Sarah Childers, substitute cook, district; Amanda Wright, substitute cook/custodian/aide, East Valley; Linda McGuire, substitute cook, district; Lois Young, substitute paraeducator, district; Elizabeth Bolin, substitute paraeducator, district; and Michelle Frederick, substitute paraeducator, Morgan Central.

## Indictments ...

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Liberty, charged with theft by unlawful taking for stealing \$4,300 worth of lottery tickets from Cougar Corner in West Liberty on May 13, 2007.

Terry Lynn Prater, 20, Grassy Creek, charged with 3rd degree burglary for breaking into a locked barn belonging to Rodell Haney in which radiators were stolen.

Robert Ladriere, 54, Covington, Ky., charged with failure to comply with sex offender registration by refusing to sign sex offender form upon release from a state penitentiary. Ladriere also was indicted as a persistent felony offender.

Jessie M. Creech, 47, Conley Branch Road, West Liberty, charged with cultivating marijuana (six plants).

Charles R. Barker, 50, Whitt Road, West Liberty, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and having possession of a firearm after being convicted of a felony.

Charles H. Hamilton, 50, Wellington, Ky., flagrant non-support of his minor child.

Timothy Justice, 39, Blaze Road, West Liberty, charged with welfare fraud resulting in obtaining a food stamp overpayment of \$4,323.

The Grand Jury reported that it heard testimony and evidence in a matter involving Dale McKee and J.A. Oldfield & Sons and will hear additional testimony at its next meeting.

An indictment is an allegation and not proof of wrongdoing.

## Conley Case ...

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"I think the governor did the right thing," said Robert Lewis of Liberty Road. "This vendetta has gone on long enough and I'm glad to see it's finally going to be over with."

"I don't know how much this has cost the judge as well as the county and state," Lewis said, "but hopefully, the county can go forward now — without the prospect of having to waste even more public money for political reasons."

"I think he (Conley) has done a good enough job for this county to compare with the actions of those that started this against him for people to come to their own conclusions," Lewis said. "Its time to leave an honest man alone and let him do his job."

Republican Lynn Nickell of West Liberty, a personal friend of Conley, said, "I look at the pardon not as being pardoned from a wrongdoing, but a pardon from not having to pay the huge lawyer fees to take a case through the court system because of the frivolous charges brought against him."

"And besides," he added, "I don't believe there's a jury in the land that would convict him of the charges."

"From the beginning, a few people couldn't accept his election to be the first Republican elected in Morgan County since 1933," Nickell said. "Not the Democrat Party, but a few within the party, who instead of trying to beat him at the polls, tried to defeat him through the court system so he could never run again for public office."

"Not only has this been bad for our county, it has been a terrible and unnecessary ordeal for Tim and his family," Nickell said, adding, "If they can beat Tim Conley at the polls, more power to them; that's what we have elections for, but it's time now for the county to come together and work together to move the county forward."

Judge Conley said Monday evening after the pardon was announced, "I'm going to continue to work just as hard for all of Morgan County and our citizens as I have all along."

Gov. Fletcher, also a Republican, granted 83 pardons and three commutations of sentences before leaving office Tuesday. Earlier, he issued pardons to nine women who sustained years of domestic abuse before killing or trying to kill the abusive men in their lives.

## Christms play this Sun. at Bethany Baptist Ch.

Bethany Baptist Church at War Creek invites everyone to attend its Christmas play, "All I Want For Christmas Is Jesus," this Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. at the church.



### DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?

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## Voter Information

December 31, is the deadline to change political party affiliation and be eligible to vote in that political party affiliation's primary election.

Jan. 29, 2008, is the last date for a candidate to file to run as a candidate in the 2008 primary election.

April 21, 2008, is the deadline to register to vote in the May primary election.

The 2008 Primary Election is May 20, 2008.

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### Engagement, forthcoming marriage told

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Holbrook, of Highway 172, West Liberty, Kentucky, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Butcher, of Columbus, Ohio, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Clinton and Andria. The wedding will take place at Lake Cumberland Resort, in Jamestown, Kentucky, on December 29th at 4:30 p.m. A reception will follow the wedding. All friends and family are invited to attend.

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### Four Generations

Versie Couch, of West Liberty, recently visited with her daughters and family in Georgia. Four generations were together. From left to right, Versie, daughter Rhonda, Rhonda's daughter, Keisha, and Keisha's son, Sklyer Matthew.

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Mary Haynes and Betty Black

## Betty Black received Activities Director award at KAHCF meet

WEST LIBERTY, Ky., Nov. 15--Betty Black, Activities Director at West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, received a 2007 Activity Director award at the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) Annual Meeting on November 15, 2007. KAHCF, the trade association representing proprietary and nonproprietary long term care facilities throughout the Commonwealth, presented over 100 awards at its annual convention that was held at the Marriott Downtown Louisville November 13-15. Black's award recognizes her strong commitment to both the nursing home profession and quality care at

West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Administrator Pam Burton said, "It is people like Betty that truly make a difference. We are proud to have her as an employee at our facility."

"Our long term care profession is fortunate to have professionals like Betty to take such a personal interest in the welfare of our residents," said KAHCF Chairman of the Board Mary Haynes. "The staff and the administration of West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center join KAHCF in saluting her dedication and concern for quality care."

## Miss Wireman will attend State Leadership conf.



Sheyenne Wireman

Mid-South Region--This spring, local middle school student, Miss Sheyenne Wireman will join a very select group of some of the most highly acclaimed students in the Mid-South Region to take part in an extraordinary leadership conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC).

The National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) in the Mid-South Region honors and recognizes outstanding middle school students for their scholastic achievement and leadership potential. Enrollment requirements to attend the Conference are strict, mandating that every scholar who attends must be personally nominated to attend by a teacher or selected based upon extraordinary academic achievement. Miss Sheyenne Wireman was nominated for NYLSC by Mrs. Shellie Turner, of Morgan County Middle School.

"The aim of NYLSC is to inspire students to recognize their own leadership skills, measure their skills against those of their peers and return home with newfound confidence in their ability to serve as future leaders," said Michael Lasday, Executive Director of the Congressional youth Leadership Council.

The intense four-day curriculum focuses on eight core leadership power tools: communication, conflict resolution, decision making, goal setting, group dynamics, leadership techniques, project management and self-awareness. With the insight and guidance of highly trained facilitators and the assistance of their peers, scholars work within each activity to hone their plan of personal leadership.

CYLC is an educational organization dedicated to identifying and nurturing leadership in the nation's highest-achieving students. Since 1985, the Council has inspired more than 200,000 young people to achieve their full leadership potential. Currently, close to 400 members of the U.S. Congress serve on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors and more than 50 embassies participate in the Council's Honorary Board of Embassies.

For additional information on the National Young Leaders State Conference in the Mid-South Region, visit us at [www.midsouthscholar.org](http://www.midsouthscholar.org).

Any and all contributions to help fund this trip can be left in Sheyenne's name at Morgan County Middle School. For additional information phone (606) 662-4646.

## String Along Quilt Guild November meeting held 27th

String Along Quilt Guild met Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, in West Liberty. At 6:30 p.m. the 16 members present stood and recited the Pledge to the American Flag with President Libby Hammonds leading.

Roll call and "Show and Tell" was next with members sharing some beautiful quilt tops and finished quilts, a handmade tote bag, miniature quilts, and a Christmas tree skirt.

Janie Collinsworth, secretary/reporter, read minutes from the October meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Sandra Tyree, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report, and Linda Perry reported on the "lovie" quilts at ARH.

Since the October meeting, four homes in Morgan County have been destroyed by fire. Arrangements were made for each of these families to receive a quilt from String Along Quilt Guild.

Following the close of the business session, Anna Keeton did an interesting demonstration with two mirrors positioned together to show how the Stack and

Whack designs would look when put together.

Thanks to Sharon Peyton, who brought persimmon pudding, and Vanessa Litton, who brought homemade cookies to share with everyone. Thanks also to guild member, Kathleen Perkins, of Dayton, Ohio, for her generosity in so many ways.

With Christmas day being on our usual meeting day, the December meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m. We'll have a potluck meal, and those wishing to participate in a gift exchange should bring a \$5 gift.

Upcoming events of String Along Quilt Guild will include a quilt block competition among members during the January, 2008 meeting. A mini lesson on briar stitching is scheduled for the February, 2008 meeting. Sharon Peyton will be demonstrating this art.

Those present for the November meeting were Sandi Adkins, Blanche Black, Velma Dulen, Libby Hammonds, Eleanor Holbrook, Anna Keeton, Sue Kinner, Vanessa Litton, Maudie Nickell, Linda Perry, Sharon Peyton, Wilma Reed, Sandra Tyree, Blondell Williams, Glois Williams, and Janie Collinsworth.

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# First game played on WPA high school gym 70 years ago - before building was completed

## Three players survive from 1937 MCHS squad

**By W. Lynn Nickell**

The WPA school building, now the County Office/Community and Convention Center building, was not completed until 1938. The lower level was finished at the beginning of the 1936 school year, and Nancy Turner and Edra Burton moved their first and second grades into the new building. I was one of those fourth graders who helped carry their desk into the new building in 1937. The fourth grade room was located in part of what is now the Wellness Center.

The gym was completed by the first of the year in 1937 and the first basketball game was scheduled with Breckinridge Training on Jan. 12.

"It is with regret that the team, former players and fans bid farewell to the old gym and its fond memories," wrote J. Wendell Nickell, sports writer for *The Licking Valley Courier*.

This game was scheduled on a Tuesday night. According to the write-up about the game in the *Courier*, there were between 700 and 1,000 people in attendance. The MCHS Red Devils (school colors were scarlet and black in those days) lost their opening game.

Willard "Bill" Harper, S.E. Craft and Clifton "Curley" Carpenter are the only survivors of the 1938 squad, and they all live in Morgan County. The five starters on the team were Rex Little, Billy Keeton, Jack Cochran, Willard Harper and Avery Elam. The "B" team was composed of Charles Price, S.E. Craft, Joe Haney, Clifton Carpenter and Stuart Lawson.

**Can You Believe Four Overtimes?**

During the 1936-1937 season one game is noteworthy to mention. The Red Devils defeated Royalton in four overtimes! This was a 3-M Conference game (Morgan, Magoffin and Menifee county teams). The final score was 34-30 with Billy Keeton being the high point man with 15 points. In this game, two Red Devils fouled out and Charles Price and S.E. Craft substituted.

**District Tourney To Be Held At West Liberty**

Excitement was at a fever pitch before the first district tournament held in the new gym on March 5-6, 1937. All of Morgan County was proud of their new gym, without a doubt the finest in Eastern Kentucky at that time. A new maroon colored curtain had been purchased by the PTA for the stage. The smell of gym finish was still in the building, and Ed Turner had everything shining for the sellout crowds to attend each session.

Carl Burton, Cannel City coach, noted in the *Courier*, "The tournament couldn't have been prearranged to have matched the teams more evenly. Crockett would play Ezel, neither school



All three of the surviving gentlemen who played in the first night of basketball on the WPA gym floor seem to be in good health. Bill Harper graduated from high school 1937; S.E. and Curley graduated in 1940. Bill and Curley are both active in the Kiwanis Club. S.E. is seen regularly driving back and forth to West Liberty Nursing and Rehab Center to see his wife and maintaining his various properties. All three are closer to 90 than 80 and doing great!

having a gym put them on a 'level' playing field. Crockett was ahead of West Liberty, Royalton, Ezel and Wrigley in the 3-M standings and had just beaten Salyersville in January. These teams will be practicing with every decent day before the tournament."

The best game of the tournament was supposed to be Cannel City vs. Frenchburg. Cannel City won the 3-M conference with Frenchburg as runner-up. It was conceded that during the season, Coach Wiley's Frenchburg team was better, but they had not been able to defeat Coach Carl Burton's Raiders. West Liberty, coached by Major Gardner, was to play Royalton, both tied in the conference standings. Burton described the game this way:

"Both teams play fast, loose type ball. Royalton's boys are on the whole bigger, slower and often better shots than West Liberty's. Their most dangerous man is Jones. Harper, of West Liberty, will probably be the one who will have to stop him."

Salyersville drew a bye was to play the winner of West Liberty and Royalton.

That first district tournament at the new gym turned out to be as exciting as everyone thought it would be. I do remember attending the games with my family, but being nine years old at the time, I do not remember details of the games. I did remember that games were played in the afternoons as well as night. In the first round on Friday afternoon, West Liberty defeated Royalton 23-14. In the second round, Friday night, Crockett beat Ezel 21-12, and Frenchburg defeated Cannel City by a score of 33-32.

The semifinals produced the most exciting game of the tournament with West Liberty defeating Salyersville in overtime. At the end of the regulation play, the score was tied 22-22. With the score tied 24-24 and time running out, Keeton made a free-throw to win the game 25-24. Frenchburg won over Crockett 28-14.

Burton stated, "Coach Wiley substituted freely during the game to save his best for West Liberty."

In the finals, Frenchburg had no trouble defeating West Liberty 28-14. I might add that Frenchburg went to semifinals of the state tournament the next year.

According to the *Courier*, 1,000 people attended the final game. Admission was \$0.15 and \$0.25. (This is a far cry from the \$4 we pay today for general admission!)

Gross receipts for the whole tournament was \$427. West Liberty did have one player take home a gold basketball for making the all-district first team, that being Jack Cochran. Billy Keeton received a silver basketball for being on the second team. (In 1940, S.E. made the all-district first team and still has the gold basketball he received as a trophy.) S.E. played on the gym floor opening night in 1937 and his grandson, Clinton Blair, played on the floor for the last game in 1989!

Reference materials: *Panthers, Devils and Cougars* by Nickell, and *The Licking Valley Courier*.

# Tips for safe winter driving from racer Danica Patrick

(NAPSA) – When driving in snow, sleet and ice, safety takes a turn for the better if you take note of these winter-driving tips from IndyCar Series driver Danica Patrick. Here are her 10 basic guidelines to follow for safe winter driving on slippery roads:

- Buckle those seat belts. (It's the law.)
- Keep your windows clear of snow and ice. Do not start until your windshield is defrosted. For clear windows, try products such as Peak Rain-Off Deicer, which de-ices windshields, windows and wipers for better visibility.
- Be patient and pass other cars only when it is safe to do so.
- In rain, fog, snow or sleet, do not turn on your high-beam headlights.
- Reduce speed and increase your following distance. Your speed should be adjusted for the conditions and match the flow of traffic.
- Roadway conditions may vary depending on the sun, shade or roadway surface. Watch for slick spots, especially under bridges, on overpasses and in shaded spots.
- If the pavement is snow or ice covered, start slowly and brake gently. Begin braking early when you come to an intersection.
- If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until you feel you have regained traction, then straighten your vehicle.
- Be alert when you approach




**Danica Patrick**  
IndyCar Series Driver

a cloud of snow covering the road, especially on passing lanes. Slow down and approach with caution. A snowplow may be at work clearing the lane or preparing to turn around.

• Consider getting off the road before getting stranded if weather is worsening.


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- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and place them well away from tree branches.
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## Ezel Church of God church bus rides

Ezel Church of God will have church bus rides to church or Sunday school. Anyone who needs a ride may call 725-5763 or 725-4283 for more information.

## Sunday school class at Tom's Branch Church

Tom's Branch Community Church is proud to announce Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a.m., under the direction of Brother Ronnie Poe. We would like to invite everyone to come out and bring the children that they may learn about Jesus in a fun filled atmosphere.

## Morgan Co. schools homework hotline

Morgan County schools homework hotline numbers are as follows: Morgan County Middle School, 743-8118; East Valley Elementary School, 522-8185; Ezel Elementary School, 725-8208; Morgan Central Elementary School, 743-8433; and West Liberty Elementary School, 743-8427.

## Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Morgan County History Museum. We need volunteers that can work a few hours a week at the museum. Days needed--Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We are open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Any help will be appreciated.  
C-8-16-tf

## Bro. Billy Conn to be at Centerville Church

Revival will begin at Centerville Community Church on Sunday, Dec. 16, with Bro. Billy Conn preaching. Services will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. weeknights. The pastor, Bro. Harry Flannery, and congregation invite everyone to attend.  
C-12-6-2t

## Tommy Webb Band to perform at Big Woods

The Tommy Webb Band will be at Big Woods Jamboree on Saturday, Dec. 15, beginning at 7 p.m. To get there from Morehead, take Rt. 32 toward Flemingsburg, turn right on Big Woods Road near Rowan-Fleming County line, travel approximately 1/2 mile. For additional information call Walt, 783-1242.  
C-12-6-2t

## Attention Veterans

A veterans' benefits field representative will be at the Morgan County Office Building in West Liberty 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free 1-866-244-8970 to speak with a veterans' benefits field representative.

## Bluegrass music at Blackwater Fire Dept.

Come and enjoy bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music at the Blackwater Volunteer Fire Department each Thursday evening, beginning at 7 p.m. Donations are accepted at the door. Come out and support your local volunteer

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## Sorghum Festival Com. seeking cookbook recipes

The Sorghum Festival Committee is requesting recipes from citizens for a cookbook to raise funds for the festival. Those who wish to participate in the cookbook are asked to send all entries to PO Box 214, West Liberty, KY 41472. Participants must include their name, address and phone number.

## Pictures With Santa event Dec. 20 at Library

The Morgan County Public Library and the MSU Regional Enterprise Center will be having their annual "Pictures With Santa" event on December 20. Pictures will be taken and printed from 5 to 7 p.m.

## New Life Center

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## Annual Morgan County Christmas is cancelled

Due to the low interest in volunteering and the lack of funds, the Morgan County Christmas will not take place this season.

## Financial peace course is offered to Gateway residents

"Reduce Your Debt!" - Dave Ramsey's ([www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)) course on how to achieve financial peace by saving money for purchases and emergencies, getting out of debt, planning for retirement and college and much more is offered free through the Healthy Marriage Initiative Grant Program at Gateway Community Action Agency. Classes, as well as one-on-one financial counseling sessions, are available to everyone.

Classes are now being scheduled for 2008. If you would like to participate in a class or would like information about hosting a class in your church or community venue, please contact Wendy Crain-Lawson, program counselor, at 606-783-0362 or [wendy.crain@gcscap.org](mailto:wendy.crain@gcscap.org). All course leaders are certified Dave Ramsey counselors.

## Local choirs invited to take part in annual Gala

The Morgan County Rotary Club will hold its annual Christmas Gala on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Morgan County Middle School and is inviting local church choirs or affiliated musical groups to participate. If your organization would like to participate, contact Joleen Frederick at 743-2550 or Mike Frisby at 743-9605 by Monday, December 9. The event will be partnered by the Morgan County High School Band.

## Christmas program set at Lick Fork Ch. Dec. 16

Lick Fork Pentecostal Church Bible Study will present a Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 16, beginning at 3 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.

## Annual Christmas revival slated at Lick Fork Ch.

Lick Fork Pentecostal Church will begin their annual Christmas revival on Monday, Dec. 24, and will continue through New Year. Bro. Eugene Haney will be the evangelist. Everyone welcome to come.  
C-12-6-3t

## Christmas play set at Daysboro Ch. of Christ

Members of the Daysboro Church of Christ congregation will present a Christmas play Sunday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend by the pastor, Bro. David Hinton, and congregation. (The monthly singing will be cancelled this month due to the Christmas play).

## Sunday evening worship services at Daysboro Ch.

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m., there will be worship services conducted at Daysboro Church of Christ. The pastor, Bro. David Hinton, and congregation invite everyone to attend.  
C-12-6-4t

## Middle School Parent- Teacher Conf. Jan. 10

Morgan County Middle School Parent Teacher Conference will be January 10, from 4 to 6 p.m.

## Morgan County Community Blood Drive set Dec. 13

LEXINGTON, Ky.--"Blood donations help save lives." That's a claim you often hear from Central Kentucky Blood Center. But it is more than just words, it's a fact of life, and behind those words are real people--fellow Kentuckians whose lives have been impacted by what blood donors did for them.

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Take Jerry Waddell, for example. A retired teacher and principal from Pikeville. Jerry suffered from Leukemia and required constant blood transfusions, more than 30, over many months, while a bone marrow match was located. Gary survived, thanks to many anonymous blood donors in our region.

The need for blood and platelets never goes away. Every day, 400 healthy Kentuckians are needed to make donations to meet the needs of 67 hospitals in this half of the state. Just one donation can help improve or save the lives of three people.

It's easy to be a donor. You must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. It takes less than an hour and you can do it again 58 days later. Yes, there is a needle involved, but the stick is no worse than a pinch on the arm. Why not come in with a family member or friend and donate together? Double the number of patients you can help.

Kentucky Blood Center will hold a blood drive at Morgan County Community Center, in West Liberty, on Thursday, Dec. 13, from noon to 7:30 p.m. The drive is sponsored by Morgan County Lions Club. Refreshments provided by West Liberty Homemakers.

For more information call Lisa Vandermale at 800-775-2522.

## MCCHS Juniores toy and book drive

The Juniores Club at Morgan County High School is participating in a toy and book drive and would like your help. Any toys or books that you would like to donate will be greatly appreciated. Bring them to Mrs. Pecco's room at the high school or you can leave them with any of the following club members: Brooke Benton, Katie Brown, Marybeth Harmon, Sandy Frederick, Mandy Frederick, Amanda Adkins, Kregina Barker, Jessica Fletcher, Susan Hutchinson, Kendra Scarberry, McKenna Conley, Heather Cox, or Brittany Bailey. The deadline is December 15.

## Gateway Homeless Shelter currently accepting admissions

The staff and Board of Directors of the Gateway Homeless Coalition, Inc. (GHC) would like to announce that the shelter is now open to accept individuals and families who are in need of emergency shelter. The nonprofit shelter, located at 695 Flemingsburg Road, in Morehead, re-opened its doors on August 15, and serves residents of Bath, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan and Rowan counties. The shelter is under new management, including a new Executive Director, Marilyn Smith, and a new Board of Directors.

In addition to offering emergency shelter and transitional housing services, the staff of GHC offers individual case management, advocacy and referral services to assist homeless individuals and families in finding and maintaining long-term housing.

For more information on GHC's programs of assistance, call (606) 784-2668.

## Singing at Murphy Fork Church set Dec. 14th

Murphy Fork Church will be having a special singing the second Friday night of each month, starting Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. The congregation invites everyone to attend.

## Missionary Prayer Band monthly meeting Dec. 16

The Morgan County Missionary Prayer Band is scheduled to have its regular monthly meeting this Sunday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m., in Index Community Church. A one year celebration will be discussed!

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## Donations needed for Sharlean B. Gevedon, who is a cancer patient

Mrs. Sharlean Benton Gevedon, who has had breast cancer and had been in remission for 12 years, has learned that the cancer has returned and has spread to the bones, bone marrow and various other places.

Sharlean is undergoing monthly chemotherapy and bone treatments. Any donations received will be used to help with travel expenses as well as daily living expenses.

You may donate at any Bank of the Mountains location to the Sharlean Benton Gevedon Cancer Trust Fund. Remember, any donation is tax deductible and will be a great blessing to all.

Ironically, her husband of 28 years, Wendell Gevedon, passed away in May of 2006 of bone cancer.

All donations will be sincerely appreciated.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

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## Methodist Church Cantata set Dec. 16

The public is invited to travel on the Journey Of Promises, as the choir presents the cantata which relates the events in Christ's life which brought humanity out of the dark and into the light of God's love and promises.

The parsonage family will host a reception at their home next to the church from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and following the cantata. The public is invited to enjoy this afternoon with the church family.

Our wish for you and your families during this holy season is for peace, comfort and enjoyment as we realize for ourselves the great promise that the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior provides all of us.

## Angel Food distribution slated Saturday, Dec. 15

Pickup for December Angel Food is this Saturday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at Assembly of Faith Church, Highway 519, West Liberty. Orders are now being taken for the January menu which is \$30 and consist of the following: 1.25 Bacon Wrapped Beef Filets; 4 lb. Chicken Leg Quarters, 2 lb. Hamburger Steaks, 1.5 lb. Boneless Pork Roast, 1.25 Meaty Beef Short Ribs, 20 oz. Supreme Pizza, 10 oz. Deli-Sliced Turkey Breast, 3 lb. Fresh Apples, 35 oz. Crinkle Cut French Fries, 16 oz. Green Beans, 16 oz. Onion Rings, 14 oz. Fancy Ketchup, 26 oz. Pasta Sauce, 16 oz. Pasta, 16 oz. Pinto Beans, 7.5 oz. Macaroni and Cheese, and 1 Dessert Item. One or more specials available only with the purchase of a regular unit are: Special #1, 5 1/2 lb. Steak and Meat Combo Box \$20, consist of 1.5 lb. T-Bone Steaks (2x12 oz.), 1 lb. Sirloin Strip Steak (2x8 oz.), 1 lb Lean Hamburger Steaks (2x8 oz.), 1 lb. Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops (4x4 oz.) and 1 lb. Italian Sausage. Special #2 is 5 lb. Steak Combo Box \$20, consist of 2 lb. Rib Eye Steaks (4x8 oz.) 2 lb New York Strip Steaks 4x8 oz), 1 lb. Hamburger Beef Steaks (2x8 oz.). Special #3 10 lb. Chicken Breast Box \$20, consist of 10 lb. Individually Quick Frozen Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast. Special #4 Senior Convenience Meal Box \$18, contains Five Delicious Individual Dinner Entrees with 2 sides per meal: 1) Grilled Chicken Breast w/Rice and Gravy, 2) Beef Chili Macaroni Casserole, 3) Macaroni and Cheese, 4) Salisbury Steak and Gravy, 5) Chicken Tetrazzini, includes five breads, five milks, margarine, and desserts.

January orders due Sunday, Jan. 6. We accept cash, checks, money orders, and EBT cards. Please call Sherry 743-1563, Linda 743-4057, Joyce 743-2706, Sue 743-1171, or Assembly of Faith Church 743-4555 for more information or to obtain an order form.

Middle School Parent-  
Teacher Conf. Jan. 10

# 2007 Citizen of the Year Banquet

The Morgan County Middle School football team will be hosting the first annual Morgan County Citizen of the Year Banquet on Saturday, January 19. The banquet will be held at Morgan County Middle School at 4:00 p.m. Citizens will be honored in the following six categories: Religion, Small Business Owner, Community Service, Medical Provider, Educator, and Lifetime Achievement.

Anyone who wishes to nominate one of our fine citizens here in the county may do so by filling out the nomination form below and returning it to Brian Turner at Morgan County Middle School, P.O. Box 580, Hwy. 191, West Liberty, KY. 41472.

All nominees and guests will be invited to the awards banquet and winners in each category will be selected by the Citizen of the Year Banquet Committee.

The deadline for submitting nominations is December 30

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

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Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments of Nominee (why he/she should be honored): \_\_\_\_\_

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Jamie Phipps

# Jamie Phipps is newest E911 telecommunicator

West Liberty's E911 Communications Center's newest Telecommunicator is Jamie Phipps. A Morgan County native, he is the son of Tommy Phipps of West Liberty and Denise Moore of Morehead.

He is a 1996 graduate of Morgan County High School.

Phipps serves Morgan County and West Liberty as a volunteer with the Morgan County Rescue Squad, the White Oak Fire Department, as a Captain with the West Liberty Fire Department, and is also employed part time as an Emergency Medical Technician with the Morgan County Ambulance Service.

Phipps said he feels his background and experience with emergency services will be an asset to his career as a Telecommunicator.

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## News Of Record

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
New civil cases – The Citizens Bank vs. Darrell Hutchinson et al, Nov. 29; Norman J. Harrison #136488 vs. Mindy Ryan Dukes, Dec. 4; Lendmark Financial Services vs. Brandon Wright, Dec. 5.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
New civil cases – Kathy L. Vanover vs. Merle D. Vanover, Nov. 30; Capital One Bank vs. Lois J. Debusk, Dec. 3; Capital One Bank vs. Jamie L. Hundley, Dec. 4; Lendmark Financial Services vs. Tim Robbins, Dec. 5; Capital One Bank vs. Albert E. Bailey.

**ARRAIGNMENTS**  
Jennifer G. Davis – speeding 17 mph over limit, failure to produce insurance card – order entered.  
Andrea Elam – criminal littering – pre-trial conference Dec. 18.  
Jackie R. King – disregarding traffic control device, traffic light – rescheduled Dec. 18.  
Leonard M. May – speeding 20 mph over limit, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, excessive window tinting (windshield), no tinting label on vehicle – order entered.  
Heather Sargent – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs (second offense) – pled guilty, \$350, loss of license for 12 months; driving on DUI-suspended license (first offense) – pled guilty, \$25.  
Kevin L. Skaggs – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, no insurance (first offense), no/expired registration plates – rescheduled Jan. 8.  
John F. Fugate – burglary (second degree) – preliminary hearing Dec. 18.  
Lisa A. Gibson – driving with a DUI-suspended license (first offense) – pled guilty, \$25; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pled guilty, \$350, loss of license for 12 months.  
Preliminary hearing – Anthony Wayne Gillispie – flagrant non-support – rescheduled Dec. 18.  
Pre-trial conference – Katherine M. Prater – theft by deception including cold checks under \$300 – bench warrant issued.  
Jacqueline Stegall – criminal possession of forged instrument (second degree) – preliminary hearing Dec. 18.  
Jason E. Caskey – no/expired registration plates, no/expired registration receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to produce insurance card – rescheduled Dec. 18.  
Danny Prater – criminal mischief (third degree) – pre-trial conference Dec. 18.  
Stella Westfall – unlawful transaction with a minor (third degree) – pled guilty, 90 days with conditional discharge.  
Michael S. Wilder – flagrant non-support – preliminary hearing Dec. 18.  
Preliminary hearing – C.M. Gasparac – burglary (second degree) – matter bound over to grand jury.  
Pre-trial conference – Arlie J. Hamilton – terroristic threatening (third degree) – jury trial Jan. 9.  
Pre-trial conference – Arlie J. Hamilton – unlawful transaction with a minor (third degree) – jury trial Jan. 9.  
Pre-trial conference – Toby Hunley – criminal mischief (second degree) – rescheduled Dec. 18.  
Preliminary hearing – Elmore Lewis – trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense) – matter bound over to grand jury.  
Preliminary hearing – Sara E. Martin – criminal possession of a forged instrument (second degree) – rescheduled April 15.  
Preliminary hearing – Brandon W. Sexton – criminal possession of a forged prescription (first offense) – pled guilty, 365 days with conditional discharge.  
Pre-trial conference – Deborah L. Williams – theft by deception including cold checks under \$300 (eleven counts).  
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Timmy Clark and Sarilda to Michael Raye Page and Coleen, 30 acres, more or less, on Open Fork of Paint Creek, \$46,000.  
Go Go Drive Thru Grocery, Inc., David and Michelle McKenzie, to Ideal Gas and Oil Company, on Hwy. 460, deed in lien.  
Jessica Sallie Clark and Kevin to Melissa McKenzie, 1/2 acre, more or less, on Long Branch Creek, \$25,000.  
Joey Bates and Janice to Mark L. Carpenter and Melina J., land on the west side of Centerville Road, \$29,500.

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# AREA DEATHS

## Robert W. Copeland Ina Fay Craft



Robert Wayne Copeland, 47, of Devils Fork Road, Sandy Hook, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia.

He was born April 20, 1960, in Dayton, Ohio, a son of Clara Cordle Feldman, of Dayton, Ohio, and the late Harry Copeland.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Jean Copeland; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Donald and Ruth Roberts; and his maternal grandparents, Willard and Charloette Cordle.

Survivors in addition to his mother include his wife, Kimberly Gail Roberts Copeland; his step-father, Steve Theide, of Dayton, Ohio; one daughter, Renata Copeland, of New Hope, Ohio; one sister, Theresa Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio; three brothers, Harry Copeland and Joey Theide, both of Dayton, Ohio, and Paul Feldman, of Sandy Hook; three uncles, Bill and Debbie Cordle, of Durham, North Carolina, of Homer and Paula Cordle, of Westerville, Ohio, and Dthomas Cordle, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; one aunt, Judith Cordle-Wheeler, of Landcaster, Ohio; special nephew, Kyle Cooper, of Danridge, Tennessee; and grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Chapel, with Bro. Timmy Sargent officiating. Burial in the Perry Cemetery, at Blairs Mill, with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were Bill Cordle, Homer Cordle, J.R. Copeland, Joey Theide, Tim Robbins, and Austin Lewis.

Honorary pallbearers were Jamie Blair, Ronnie Sargent, and Michael Whitt.

Send memorial condolences: [www.heraldstewarthalseyfh.com](http://www.heraldstewarthalseyfh.com)

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## Daisy Brown



Daisy Stacy Carter Brown, 105, of West Liberty, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, in West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, West Liberty.

She was born August 17, 1902, in Morgan County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Joe Millard Stacy and Laura Ferguson Stacy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Milburn Carter; and her second husband, Kenny Brown; also two daughters, Anna Roberts and Frankie Hiens; grandson, Phillip Carter, and an infant grandson.

Daisy was a member of the Grassy Lick Baptist Church, at Grassy Creek.

Survivors include one daughter, Catherine Russell, of Grassy Creek; a son, Stanley Carter, of Scottsburg, Indiana; one sister, Edith Gevedon, of North Vernon, Indiana; 11 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 17 great, great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Chapel, with Rev. Kevin Williams and Bro. Everett Williams officiating. Burial followed in Grassy Lick Cemetery, Grassy Creek, with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Grandsons were pallbearers. Send memorial condolences: [www.heraldstewarthalseyfh.com](http://www.heraldstewarthalseyfh.com)

## Ivan Williams



Ivan Williams of West Liberty, Ky., beloved husband of Ersella Pelfrey Williams, passed away Friday, December 7, 2007, at St. Claire Regional Medical Center at the age of 90 years, 8 months, and 29 days. He was born on Thursday, March 8, 1917, at Elk Fork, Ky., second of seven children born to the late Sanford and Bessie Adkins Williams.

Ivan and Ersella Pelfrey were married on December 23, 1939, and were devoted to each other and their children, Joyce Ivanell and Daniel C. Ivan was a carpenter and a farmer. He worked at Armco Steel in Ashland during World War II, but happily called Elk Fork home for most of his 90 years. Ivan was saved and baptized at the Martha Enterprise Baptist Church during a 1959 revival preached by Ellis Hamilton. He and Ersella attended the Elk Fork Community Church when their health would allow.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents, Sanford and Bessie Adkins Williams; two sisters, Lovean Clouse and Gladys Whitt; two brothers, L.D. and Chester Williams, and his son-in-law, Roe Collins.

Left to remember his life and mourn his passing are Ersella, his wife of almost 68 years; his daughter, Joyce and Bob Bailey of Cottle, Ky.; his son, Daniel C. and Helen of West Liberty; his granddaughter, Rebecca and Mark Beard, and his great-grandchildren, Catherine, Caleb, and Matthew of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; his brothers, Avery Williams of West Liberty and Arbie (Lennie Mae) and Junior (Lena) of Fairborn, Ohio; a very special nephew and niece, Jack and Janie Adkins, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 10, 2007, at the Potter Funeral Home in West Liberty with Bro. Roger Ball and Bro. Rick Pelfrey officiating. Burial in the Pelfrey Cemetery, Hwy. 172, West Liberty, Ky.

Pallbearers: Gary Williams, Jack Adkins, Trevor Howell, Cletis Conley, Ottis Conley, Leon Rissler, Donnie Pack, and Donnie Gilliam.

## Edith R. Birchfield



Edith Ratliff Birchfield, 83, of Wellington, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at her home after an illness.

She was born February 27, 1924, in Menifee County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Roscoe Ratliff and Lula McClure Ratliff.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by two brothers, Elmus and Robert Ratliff, and two sisters, Delphine Mann and Lois Sorrell; also an infant brother.

She was a retired merchant having owned and operated a general store and antique shop for many years, and was a member of the Ezel United Presbyterian Church, Ezel, Ky.

Edith is survived by her husband, Orville Birchfield, of Wellington, whom she married in 1941 and they celebrated 65 years of marriage in 2006. Other survivors are four children, William and Regina Birchfield, of Kissimmee, Florida, Pamela and Claudell Nickell, of Ezel, Robert S. and Wendy Birchfield, of Lexington, and Mark and Wanda Birchfield, of Wellington; one sister, Christine Patrick, of Frenchburg; 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Ezel United Presbyterian Church, at Ezel, with Danny Birchfield, Pastor Emily Boyce, and Rev. Bob Stilson officiating. Burial in Ezel Cemetery, at Ezel, with Menifee Home For Funerals, of Frenchburg, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were James Lawson, David Lawson, Benny Ledford, Curt Ledford, Sam Birchfield, and Max Birchfield.

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## Linda Lou Cantrell



Linda Lou Cantrell, 63, of Brown Lane, West Liberty, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, in Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital, in West Liberty.

She was born January 31, 1944, in Bradford, Ohio, a daughter of the late Russell Detrick and Marquette Martin Detrick.

She was a homemaker and mother, and attended the Kingdom Hall, of West Liberty.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Detrick; and sister, Francis Marlene Wright.

Survivors include her former husband, Charles Cantrell, of West Liberty; two children, Charletta (Bear) Cantrell and Brenda Daniels, both of West Liberty; one sister, Sharon Hall, of Piqua, Ohio; and nephew, David and Shelley Wright, of West Liberty; special friends, Donna Wright and Susan Perkins, both of West Liberty.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Chapel, with Bro. Jimmie Sharp officiating. Burial followed in West Liberty Memorial Gardens, at West Liberty, with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

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(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)



## Advertising Correction Notice

The Lowe's tab in this week's newspaper contains an error. An incorrect image was displayed on the Front Cover for the SKIL 14.4-Volt Single Speed Cordless Drill/Driver Kit (#278341). The image displayed a 14.4-Volt SKIL drill with a Lithium Ion battery and the advertised Special Value is for a 14.4-Volt SKIL drill with a Nickel Cad battery.

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## Local Farm Bureau recognized

The Morgan County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 88th Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville. Above, Emanuel Hampton, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and Roger L. Simpson, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, during a December 7 recognition and awards program.

## Rate adjustment for East Kentucky Power customers

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) recently made permanent a \$19 million increase in annual revenue that had been granted to East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc. (EKPC) on an interim basis in April.

While the increase is only about half the amount requested by EKPC, the PSC noted in today's order that EKPC has indicated it will request two or three more rate increases in the next four or five years "in order to keep its finances on a strong footing."

"This is a reasonable expectation," the PSC said, adding that "it expects EKPC to closely monitor its financial situation and file applications for rate cases in a timely manner."

Furthermore, EKPC should update its environmental surcharge filings with the PSC in order to begin recovering costs of emission control projects that were not included in the last update in 2005, the PSC said in today's order.

"Given its current financial condition, it is essential that EKPC utilize all available options to provide for timely recovery of costs," the PSC said.

The PSC was unable to grant the increase requested by EKPC because the company structured this rate request in ways that did not conform to accepted ratemaking principals.

Bringing the request into line with established ratemaking principals and precedents lowered the allowed revenue increase down to just below \$19 million. After examining all evidence, the PSC concluded that the interim increase of \$19 million should be made permanent.

EKPC provides electricity to and is owned by 16 distribution cooperatives serving about 500,000 customers in 89 Kentucky counties. Because the interim increase in wholesale rates granted in April has been passed through to the customers of the distribution cooperatives. They will not see any rate changes as a result of the recent PSC action.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

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Wednesday, Dec. 19--Swiss steak, wild rice, carrots, whole wheat roll, strawberries and bananas, skim milk.

Thursday, Dec. 20--Roast turkey, corn bread dressing, gravy, broccoli, pumpkin pie, skim milk, cranberry sauce.



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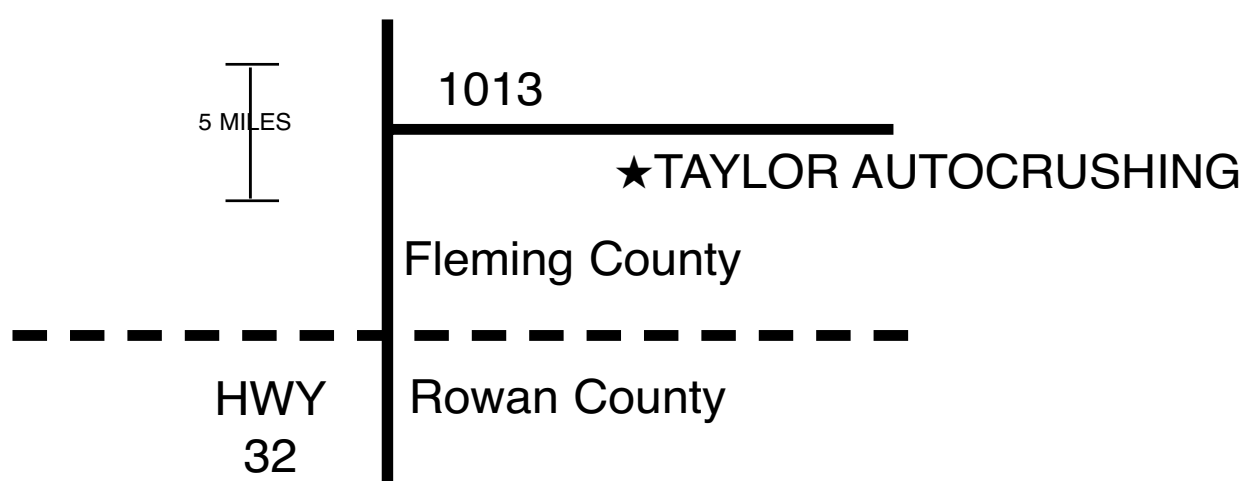
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West Liberty Airport Board  
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The deadline for submittals of Statements of Qualifications shall be 7:00 p.m., local time on Dec. 17, 2007. This information shall be submitted to the above address.

C-12-6-2t  
(Pub. Dec. 6, 13)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: Public Service Commission of Kentucky (Case No. 2007-00486)

Notice is hereby given that East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless has applied to the Kentucky Public Service Commission to construct a tower located on a ridge near Wrigley one mile north of the community of Redwine (38° 01' 53.9" N 83° 13' 34.4W). The proposed tower will be a 300 ft. self-supporting tower with attached antennas extending upwards and an equipment shelter.

If you would like to respond to this notice, please contact the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to Case No. 2007-00486.

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(Pub. Dec. 6, 13)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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C-12-6-3t pd.  
(Pub. Dec. 6, 13, 20)



Local law enforcement officers playing in the Police vs. Fire charity basketball game included: Row 1 — Mike McPherson; Row 2 — Robbie Perry, Tim Smedley and Kenny Perry; Row 3 — Kyle Risner, Zack Haney, Lowell Adkins, Chris Ball and Scotty Adkins; Row 4 — Kelly Bowman, Jackie Mayberry and Danny Terry.



Local volunteer firefighters playing in the Police vs. Fire charity basketball game included: Row 1 — Toby Lykins, Carter Easterling, Neil Gibson, Nathaniel Lumpkins, Andrew Wolfenbarger and Terry Fannin; Row 2 — Curtis Conley, Nathan Conley, Brandon Tharp, James Kidd, Patrick Oldham and Jamie Perkins.

## Local police officers, firefighters raise \$2,000 to purchase Christmas gifts for needy kids

By Miranda Cantrell James

Local law enforcement officers and volunteer firefighters played the first annual Police vs. Fire charity basketball game on Dec. 7 at Veterans' Memorial Gym, raising approximately \$2,000 to purchase Christmas gifts for needy children.

Event Coordinator/E-911 Telecommunicator Chris Ball said approximately 30 players participated in the game, which

garnered numerous donations from local businesses and individuals in addition to ticket sales.

"The game was a great success organized by WLPD Sgt. Scotty Adkins," Ball said. "We had set a fundraising goal of \$500, which was greatly exceeded. It was an enjoyable family-oriented event, and everyone who participated had fun while helping others."

West Liberty Police Department is currently working with

the local Department of Protection and Permanency to acquire names of needy children for which to purchase gifts during the Christmas season.

"Every child should have a gift at Christmas," Ball said. "There are some local kids who don't, and we wanted to help make Christmas happen for them. The gifts will be presented to the children before the holiday; this is just one small way of giving

back to the community."

The West Liberty Law Dogs defeated the Morgan County Smoke Eaters 43-37, with Mayor Bob Nickell and West Liberty Assistant Fire Chief David Conley serving as team coaches.

WLPD extends special thanks to all event participants including players, donors and game attendees, as well as Morgan County High School, The Licking Valley Courier and WLKS.

### Quotable Quote

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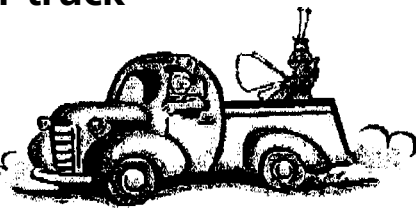
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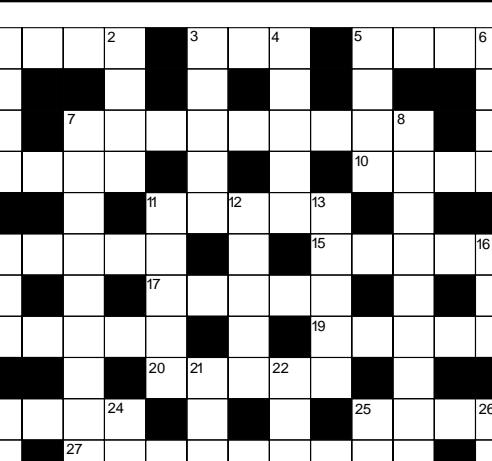
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CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	Jeo-	Ghost Whisperer		Moonlight		NUMB3RS		News	Late
ABC 6	News	ABC	Enter-	Jim	Men in Trees		Murder Club		20/20		News	Night-
PBS 7	Math	Busi-	News-Lehrer		Com-	Group	Wash	NOW	Bill Moyers		News	Ky Life
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Extra	**** It's a Wonderful Life (1946)						News	Tonight
WGN 9	Funny-	Funnies	Home Videos		★ Blizzard (2003)				WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs
FOX 11	Simp-	Fam	Simp-	Two	Don't Forget		Next Band		News		Friends	Seinfeld
CBS 12	News	CBS	High School Basketball				High School Basketball				News	Sports
TBS 13	Friends	Ray-	Ray-	Ray-	★ Monster-in-Law (2005)				★ Monster-in-Law (2005)			
ENC 14	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids				*** Rush Hour (1998)				★ Stay Alive (2006)		Fallen	
FAM 15	8 Rules	8 Rules	Cat-Hat	Seuss	★ How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)				How the Grinch			
LIFE 16	Reba	Reba	Still	Still	Reba	Reba		Crazy for Christmas (2005)			Will	Will
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SHOW 19	★½ Kettle of Fish (2006)		★ Failure to Launch (2006)					★½ Hostel (2006)			Dexter	
DISN 20	Suite	Suite	Mon-	Suite	Mon-	Wizards	★½ The Princess Diaries (2001)			Suite	Suite	Mon-
MAX 21	Mystic River	★ Cobra (1986)				The Little Rascals			★½ Night at the Museum (2006)			
HBO 22	X-Men	Legend	Inside the NFL		★★½ Fight Club (1999)					Dave Attell		Theres
AMC 24	★½ Guarding Tess (1994)				*** Return to Me (2000)					Halloween: Curse-Michael		
USA 25	Law Order: CI		Law & Order		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		House		House	
DSC 26	Made	Made	Survivorman		Killer Jellyfish		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild		Everest: Limit	
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		NBA Shootaround		NBA Basketball: Magic at Bobcats						NBA Basketball	
TNT 32	Law & Order		The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring								*** Gladiator (2000)	
SCI 33	Stargate SG-1		Firefly		Firefly		Firefly		Firefly		Firefly	



## Lacy Creek

Dec. 10--Arle Nickell visited recently with Dan LeMaster, Jr., Athena Blackburn and Nicholas and Joyce LeMaster were shopping in Pikeville last week. Joyce LeMaster and Nicholas Blackburn visited with Jewell Young and Tanner Mabry last week. Mr. and Mrs. Dan LeMaster, Jr. and Nicholas Blackburn visited with William Dan LeMaster Sunday afternoon. Randa Nickell visited with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell last weekend. Randy Nickell also visited them. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell attended the viewing of Daisy Brown at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home Friday night. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Nickell recently, the Nickells also attended church on Cow Branch Sunday.

Edna Cantrell and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cantrell visited with Terry Gibbs this week. They attended church at Lacy Creek Sunday.

## Growing at Grace

December 15, 2007 a group of twenty-two adults and youth from Grace Baptist Church went to the Salvation Army Distribution Center in Lexington to work for the day. They left at 7 a.m. and returned at 7 p.m. They entered a huge building and saw multiple Christmas bags with tags tied on them, on each tag was a name, age, and size of a needy child, some of whom are homeless. Some had items that a child had requested, some did not. The group's task was to fill each bag, if possible, with the item that had been requested, if that item had not been supplied from the angel tree, two outfits of clothing, a coat of the right size, and two additional age-appropriate toys or items. Some adults spoke of how awesome the experience was, how grateful they were to have been able to help this worthy organization and these children who, if not for the

## Lady Cougars...

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up this year," Brown said. "In the Elliott game, it was Faith Slone, Brittany Stamper and Monica McCowan who played well. Against West, it was Lara, Tessa and Shey Williams. Their play has been the key to us winning our first three games."

Brown admitted that he was curious to see how his players would handle the long-awaited victory over West Carter, especially as the final seconds ticked away.

"As the game was winding down, or kids kept their composure and held the celebration in check," Brown said. "But once we got to the locker room, I think the noise may have peeled the paint off the walls. It was a happy bunch."

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Salvation Army, might not have had anything for Christmas. One lady spoke of finding a tag with a boys name that was the same age of her own son and this brought her to tears. The youth who went talked about how hard work never felt so good, how it made them appreciate what they have, and one bright young lady said she had second thought about asking for anything for herself because of her experience. They said they had gotten such a blessing from what they were doing that they wanted to return next year to help again. Please give generously when you donate to the Salvation Army, their help goes on all year, not just at Christmas!

Our resident missionary and one of our newest members, Patty Ceschini, will be leaving December 12, 2007 for a mission trip to Costa Rica. She has been on mission trips to Bosnia, Haiti, and Mexico in the past. Southern Baptist Churches support four thousand, two hundred missionaries each year and our Lottie Moon International Missions collections are under way now. Our prayers go with you Patty!

We want to invite everyone to our Christmas Play, "The Perfect Fit", December 23, 2007, at our Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m.

Grace Baptist Church is located on Rt. 191 in Malone. We love having guests and everyone is welcome!

## Junction News

By Kathy Bolin

Dec. 10--Greetings from the Junction.

How do you like this warm weather? I sure am not complaining. My sister called me on Saturday, she lives in Sidney, Ohio, and they had 5-6 inches of snow. I couldn't wait to tell her we had 65-70 degree weather. I believe it is the first time that she has told me she wished she was down here with me. I would love to have her, but that probably will never happen.

My husband, Davy, went to Ohio this past weekend to visit with his daughter, Jasmine, and two grandchildren, Kaleb and Jacob, who just recently moved there from Florida. Big surprise, snow!!

Mike and Alisha Cantrell, of Coffee's Creek, spent last week in Tennessee. I believe the trip was to spend a few days of relaxation, and do some shopping.

Guess I better wish my husband, Davy, a happy birthday. He will be celebrating his birthday on Thursday, the 13th. No pranks this year, he is not having one with a "0". Happy Birthday!

Henry Bailey, of Coffee's Creek, was in Saint Claire hospital over the weekend. Henry had some type of flu bug, and suffered from dehydration. He came back home on Sunday.

John and Patty Gibson celebrated their 18th year of marriage on Saturday. Happy anniversary!!

I was sad to hear that Helen Price Stacy had passed away. I hated it when her home on Prestonsburg Street was torn down. Although, I did not know her personally, I admired her art work and the reputation that she had in our community. We have a painting of Jesus hanging in our church that she painted many years ago. Helen was one of those pillars that I talk about, someone whose life was a great contribution to our community and will be sadly missed.

## Lower Elkfork

By Alpha Clevenger

Dec. 10--Sympathy is extended to those who are bereaved. Get well wishes to the sick and shutins. Dempsey came recently and done some work in the bathroom. Thanks to him. He's good to help me. I sure do appreciate it and to the other children that does chores for me. I talked to Joy on Sunday. They were all fine. Good to hear from them.

Alpha and Barry were in Morehead on Thursday on business and went to Wal Mart.

Alpha attended church at Glenn Avenue last Sunday. A good service and Rev. Gary Fields delivered a good sermon. I was glad to be there. A good place to attend church. I attended there many years ago and took my children there. It feels like home.

Travis Grant Clevenger, of West Liberty, Ohio called on Tuesday. He was fine. Good to hear from him. It's been a while. I asked him if he was coming home for Christmas and he said probably not. I sure wish he could have made it. It makes our Christmas complete. He means so much to us. He's my first grandchild and first grandson. We wish him a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless you. We love you.

I talked to Gayle Howard this morning. She said she went to church today. Good to hear from her. She is a nice and friendly lady. We walk at the park sometimes. She is nice company.

Alpha was guest of Dempsey and Rosie recently and took them some homemade soup and other food. Dempsey appreciates that.

I talked to Sue Kinner recently. They were fine. Merry Christmas to Sue and Earl.

Merry Christmas to my three granddaughters--Sarah, Laura, and Katie, and Adam and little Julie, of Salyersville. Hope to see you all soon. It's been a while.

Merry Christmas to Jewell Lewis and family, and a Happy New Year.

How are you Fairy Dean and all your family? Merry Christmas to you and yours. Did you put up a lot of lights this Christmas? I never have got up very many yet. I don't guess I'll have very many this year.

Alpha was at Morgan County ARH on Friday for a check up and Dr. Levenberger wasn't in that day and the new Doctor Lorrer was present that day. He seems to be a good doctor.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the readers of L.V.C. and everywhere. God bless everyone.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Helen Price Stacy. May God bless and comfort all her family. I've known them for years. They are good people.

Dempsey killed another deer the first day of gun season. It was a nice deer but wasn't as large as the first one he killed, but a young and tender one. He was pleased.

Betty Barker called recently. Good to hear from her. She is a nice and friendly lady. Call again soon.

I talked to my sister, Enone, on Saturday. She and Ed were very well. Good to hear from her again. Merry Christmas to you and yours. I don't guess I'll be sending very many Christmas cards this year. The postage is so expensive.

Merry Christmas to Jade and Jared and a Happy New year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Lena Black, Totsy and Charles and Sandra. Merry Christmas to all your family. We know you will miss your brother this holiday. May God comfort you all in your loss. We know how you feel.

## Lenox

By Estelle Caskey

Dec. 10--Your hair do is a picture frame for your face!

Mrs. Berniece Bolin, Mrs. Josephine Hicks, and Mrs. Julie Johnson had business in Prestonsburg last Tuesday.

Estelle and Louise Caskey visited last Friday afternoon with Mrs. Margaret Gilliam.

Mrs. Reva Hutchinson and Mrs. Joyce Ferguson had business in Paintsville last week.

Mr. William A. Davis (my brother) and Josh Davis, of Xenia, Ohio, visited with Estelle and Louise Caskey over the weekend and attended the Christmas celebration and reception with Estelle and Louise Caskey, and Joyce Ferguson at the MSU Center on Saturday evening. Our many thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to a most joyful evening.

Louise and Estelle Caskey had business in Prestonsburg and Paintsville last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fyffe had business in Morehead last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Barker visited this week in Columbus, Ohio, with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Spencer.

Estelle and Louise Caskey visited last Friday with Mrs. Ruby Caskey, Mrs. Reva Hutchinson, and Mrs. Wilma Reed.

Our community was deeply saddened by the passing of our relative, friend and neighbor, Ivan Williams. We send our heartfelt sympathy to his family and to all others who have lost loved ones.

## Belated News

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Banks were Mrs. Ruby Caskey, Mrs. Joyce Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Garrack Ratliff and Garrison Lee, of Morehead, Mr. Gerald Ratliff, of Martin, and Parker Banks, of Morehead.

Erin DeHart, of Lexington, spent a few days Thanksgiving week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Barker.

Among those enjoying a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Barker were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Bates and Jessie, and Miss Erin DeHart, of Lexington.

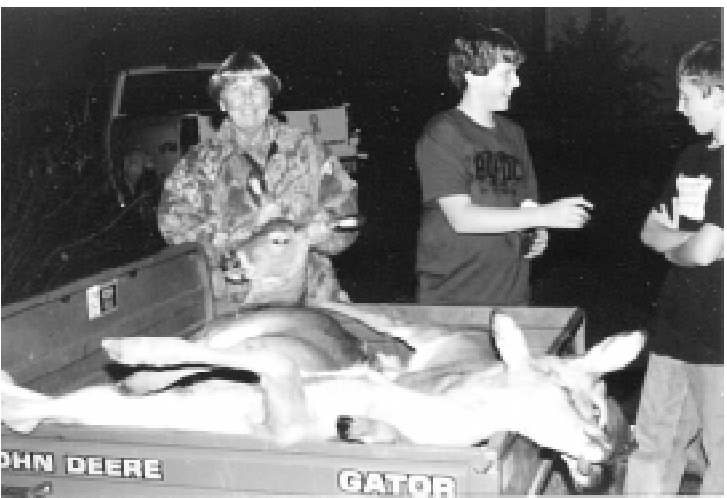
## Household Hints

• By shrugging of the shoulders ten times will relieve tired and achy shoulders and neck muscles.

• When a humidifier begins to smell musty add 1 tablespoon of bleach to the water and let the humidified run 15 or 20 minutes. The bleach will kill the germs and the air will smell fresher.

• To avoid odor while cooking cabbage in a microwave or on a stove, place 1/2 cup of vinegar near it.

• Don't throw away lumpy paint. Stretch a piece of old panty



## A Gator-load of deer

This grandma/grandson combo of Grassy Creek had a Gator-load of deer to show during this year's first muzzle loader season. Kenny Dennis, 13, (center) got a doe, but his grandmother, Sharon Goodpaster, left, did him one better. She got two, also does.

hose over the paint bucket and pour slowly into another bucket and the paint will be ready to use again.

• To remove dried paint on a vinyl or linoleum floor make a paste of starch and hot water and

rub it into the spot.

• Believe it or not, to keep white paint from turning yellow stir in a drop of black paint.

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## The Season Of Advent

# Waiting In A Different Way

When we simply look at the word "waiting," it can carry with it a sense of great fear, bewilderment and the unknown. For instance, will my future bring me serious illness, a serious accident or even worse -- the wrath of God? Doesn't this sound familiar?

In this Season of Advent, the Christian doesn't spend much time pondering topics such as this. For the Christian man or woman, this "waiting" period before Christmas is filled with hope, joy and the glitter that we oftentimes experience in the faces of the young children as they anticipate Santa's arrival. The promises of Jesus assure us that our joy is well founded in that He tells us we are a CHOSEN PEOPLE. In truth, we await the glory that takes all fear away from us forever. Brothers and sisters, this Advent may we enjoy together the peace that has been given to each one of us by our Loving Father.

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# COURIER SPORTS

## May scores 22 points in win over Bath County

Senior guard hits five 3-pointers; Clemens paces Cats with 41

By David Patrick

Morgan County – 71  
Bath County – 57

Logan May scored a career-high 22 points and handed out five assists as the Cougars beat Bath County in Grayson, 71-57. May scored six of his points in the game's first eight minutes as guard Blandon Clemens made quick work of that deficit, totaling 19 points in the first half alone, to help his team to a 28-23 lead at intermission. However, the momentum shifted back in the Cougars' favor in the third quarter. May again caught fire with a trio of three-point baskets. Joel Nickell came off the bench to contribute nine points as Morgan scored 27 to regain the lead, 50-44. May knocked down his fifth three-point basket in the final period, while Brandon Ferguson and Stephen Barnett added seven and six points, respectively. Clemens again carried the offense for the Cats, adding another 10 points to finish with a game-high 41. Cameron Dunn had 16 points for Morgan, hitting all four of his field goal attempts. Ferguson finished with 15, while Barnett added nine points. Ferguson led the Cougar re-



Photo By Kent Nickell  
Logan May (shooting ball) scored a team-high 22 points in the Cougars' 71-57 win over Bath County.

bounding effort with eight, including seven on the defensive card. Barnett finished with six and Dunn had five. Morgan County converted 31 of 43 (72 percent) from the free-

throw line, led by a combined 19 of 25 from Dunn and Ferguson.

Montgomery County – 83  
Morgan County – 44

Josh Clark and Jordan Stephens combined for 35 points as host Montgomery County routed the Cougars, 83-44. Six Indians scored in the first quarter, led by Clark's 11 points, as Montgomery jumped out to a commanding 28-5 lead. Cameron Dunn scored a pair of baskets in the second period, but got little help as the Montgomery lead ballooned to 28. The Indians then put the game away with a 27-point third quarter, including nine from Stephens. Brandon Ferguson came up big for the Cougars in the second half, scoring 19 of his team-high 25 points over the final two quarters. But it was hardly enough as Montgomery controlled both ends of the floor on its way to the 39-point blow-out. Dunn had 10 points in a losing effort for Morgan. Tyler Adkins and Stephen Barnett tossed in three apiece.

### Five Morgan Co. gridders named to All-Area Team

Five members of Morgan County High School's 2007 Cougars earned berths on the All-Area Football Team announced last week by The Ashland Independent. They include Mitchell Harvey and Kyle Havens, both of whom were named to the All-Area defensive squad. Three of their Cougar teammates earned Honorable Mention honors on the All-Area Team. They are Clay Adkins, Dylan Norman, and Patrick Oldham. Russell High School's outstanding quarterback, Tyler Jones, was named Player of the Year.

## Lady Cougars end 14-year losing streak to West Carter

Eagle scores 14 of her 20 points in fourth quarter and overtime periods

By David Patrick

Morgan County overcame an eight-point fourth quarter deficit then held West Carter without a field goal in the overtime period, to pick up a 56-50 win in Olive Hill. It marked the Lady Cougars' first win over tradition-rich West Carter since 1993. Morgan County had trailed after every quarter before outscoring the Lady Comets 14-6 over the final eight minutes to send it to an extra period. West Carter did convert eight of 12 free-throws in the OT, but

Morgan got six points from Leslie Eagle, along with field goals from Lara Hembree and Alyssa Dulen to account for its third straight victory. "The way we closed out says a lot about this team," Lady Cougar Coach Jeff Brown said. "We were down by eight with six minutes left, but the girls composed themselves and did what they had to do. Defensively, we were great in the fourth quarter." Von Perry's team began the game with an 11-10 point lead after one quarter before stretching it to a four-point lead at in-

termission. Morgan County managed just four points in the third period before Eagle and Kayla Kelly combined for 12 of the team's 14 in the final quarter. Eagle finished with a team-high 20 points for Morgan, with Dulen adding 13. Kelly and Hannah Fugate scored nine and seven points, respectively. Freshman Tessa Henry had five points and Hembree scored four. Shey Williams failed to score, but did finish with three steals and as many rebounds. "Our bench has really stepped

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## Joel Nickell

### MCHS Boys' Basketball Team:

This week's athlete of the week is 6'0 Junior Joel Nickell of the MCHS boys' basketball team. Joel came off the bench to spark the Cougars in their victory over Bath County on Saturday at the EKC Showcase in Grayson. Trailing 28-23 at the half, the Cougars came out in the third quarter and scored 27 points to take the lead and control of the game. Nickell came off the bench and ignited a huge run with nine points and helped the Cougars take command for good. The Cougars beat Bath County 71-57 and look toward a big district showdown this Saturday night at Veteran's Memorial Gymnasium against the East Carter Raiders. Congratulations to Joel Nickell and the Cougar basketball team.



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### Student Ambassador Kiwanis guest

Lauren Burton, shown here with her uncle, Marvin Burton, was a recent guest of the West Liberty Kiwanis Club, where she gave a Powerpoint presentation about her trip to England and France with the "People to People Student Ambassadors" program. A sophomore at Morgan County High School, she is the daughter of Steve and Pam Burton of West Liberty.



### New Kiwanian

The West Liberty Kiwanis Club has a new member. He is David Bradley, right, shown here being welcomed by Kiwanian Lynn Nickell.

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0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

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To learn more about the extra help available through Social Security, visit

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Bernard O'Nan is the district manager at the Ashland Social Security office. A representative from the Ashland office visits West Liberty every non-holiday Monday at the Community Center starting at 8:30 a.m. The Ashland office can be reached at 606-324-0516.

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